Removal of a Trustee in the Major Ports

4142. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rule prevailing to remove a Trustee representing labour when he loses his position in the Union in all the major ports, including Paradip Port;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any information from the union and its parent organisation i.e. Federation with regard to a Trustee of Paradip Port Trust; and

(c) if so, what is the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE *MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT* (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Under Section 8(1) (aa) of Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, the Central Government shall remove a Trustee if he has, in the opinion of the Central Government, ceased to represent the interest by virtue of which he was appointed or elected. Such opinion is formed on the basis of verification reports received from M/O Labour. Thereafter, show cause notice is issued to the trustee and after considering his representation, if any, final decision is taken by Central Government.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. After appointment of representative of Utkal Port & Dock Workers' Union as Labour Trustee w.e.f. 1-4-1992, there has been a split into two factions in the Union. Leaders of both the factions have been complaining against each other and claim to be the real office bearers of the union and have also gone to Court. The matter is subjudice.

Revival of Shipbuilding Industry

4143. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the package for revival of the shipbuilding industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The following steps are under consideration for revival of Indian Shipyards constructing ocean-going merchant vessels:—

(i) The price of an ocean-going vessel built at Indian Yards be fixed on the basis that the public sector Yard would participate in open tender and be permitted to match the lowest bid and thereafter be entitled to 30% extra price over the above price—20% being payable by the Government and 10% by the shipowner.

(ii) Loans at concessional rates of 9% to the extent of 80% of the cost of a ship may be given to shipping companies placing orders with Indian Yards.

(iii) Fixation of price in terms of US $/ Japanese Yen and the shipowner to pay each stage instalment to the shipyard at market determined parity rate of foreign exchange prevailing on the date of actual payment.

(iv) The subsidy to be released by Government will be paid along with the payments received by the shipyards for stage payments as per the prevailing market determined rate of exchange.

Harassment of People at Road Tax Office

4144. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that touts are openly working in the premises of Road Tax Office (RTO), Tilak Marg, New Delhi in connivance with officials of R.T.O. and no action is taken to clear the premises from such touts;

(b) as a consequence of (a) above, whether it is a fact that person(s) seeking licence from R.T.O. are facing acute problem and harassment from officials of court forcing them to approach the touts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that licences/ renewal of licence is immediately prepared, normally on the same day, if approach is made through touts; and

(d) whether Government would take urgent steps to clean the system and stop harassment of general public stating the time of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Some instances of touts working in the premises of the R.T.O., Tilak Marg have been noticed by the Government of National Capital Territory of

Delhi. To check the nefarious activities of touts outside the Registration offices of the Transport Department, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has written to the Local Police, Anti Corruption Department and Local bodies including NDMC to take effective steps against these undesirable elements. From 1-1-1990 to July, 1993, the Local Police have registered a total number of 29 cases against the unscrupulous characters and touts involving 93 persons at Tilak Marg Office. The officers of the Transport Department are also making rounds to check the nefarious activities of touts. Necessary instructions have been issued to the staff members by the Department not to entertain any outsider except genuine persons.

The grant/renewal of driving licences is made when an individual person fulfils the requirements under the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and Rules framed thereunder. In general the visiting public are promptly being attended to.

Road Transport to All States from Delhi

4145. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government propose to evolve a system of road transport to all States from Delhi as it will strengthen the bonds of national integration;

(b) if so, what are the plans present and future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Transport Authorities of the States are empowered as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules made thereunder to issue permits for operation of vehicles connecting various States in the country.

As per Section 88, sub-section (9) of the Motor Vehicles Act the State Transport Authorities can grant permits in respect of tourist vehicles valid for the whole of India or such contiguous States not less than three States including the State in which the permit is issued.

For the purpose of encouraging long distance inter-State Road Transport State Transport Authorities are also empowered as per sub-section 12 of Section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act to grant National Permits in respect of goods carriages. National Permits are issued to goods carriages to operate throughout the territory of India or such contiguous States not being less than 4 in number including the State in which the permit is issued.

Private Sector Participation for Maintenance of National Highways

4146. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to invite the Private Sector in construction, maintenance and operation of fee based facilities on National Highways on "build, operate and transfer" (BOT) basis;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the areas to be covered; and

(d) how Government propose to implement the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has been contemplating to involve Private Sector including NRIs in construction, maintenance and operation of fee-based facilities on National Highways. Pending finalisation of the decision in this context, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has recently been signed amongst the Government of India, State Government of Maharashtra and Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) for taking up Panvel Bypass on N. H. No. 4 in Maharashtra on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

India's Overseas Trade

4147. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the share of Indian and Foreign Shipping Lines in the total volume of India's Overseas Trade in 1991-92;

(b) what is the share of Indian tonnage in the total world tonnage; and